further simplification of procedures with a view to reduce the time in disposal of licensing application. While it is too early to indicate the exact impact of these measures, the trend is definitely positive. Out of 406 applications received under the scheme of de-licensing upto 31st July, 1985. 359 applications have already been registered. The number of letters of intent issued in the first half of 1985 had gone up by 64.4 per cent as compared to the corresponding period of 1984. Ther$_e$ was also an increase by 31 per cent in the foreign collaborations granted during thi$_s$ period. Further, 71 licences have so far been endorsed under the scheme of broad-banding.

Suspension of foreign collaboration approvals on passenge$_r$ cars

2287. SHRI SURAJ PRASAD:

SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to suspend forthwith the grant of further foreign collaboration approvals in the case of passenger cars industry: and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard and reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATF IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): Ca) and (b) Government are committed to modernisation of the automobile industry with a view to arranging free availability of good quality vehicles at reasonable price. The foreign collaboration proposal., received from licensed unit$_s$ for the attainment of above objectives are examined on consideration such as status of technology, payment terms, export potential, demand projection etc.

कारों के मूल्य

2288. **श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय** : क्या **उद्योग और कम्पनी कार्य** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) प्रीमियर 180 एस० ई० कार का मूल्य 1,08,000 रुपये रखने के क्या कारण हैं तथा अन्य मेकों की कारों के मूल्य का ब्यौरा क्या है;

(ख) क्या उन व्यक्तियों को, जिन्होंने प्रीमियर 180 एस०ई० कारों को खरीदने के लिए अपेक्षित अग्रिम (एडवांस) धनराशि जमा की है, कोई ब्याज नहीं दिया जाता है, यदि हां तो इसके क्या कारण हैं ; और

(ग) इस समय कम्पनी के पास अग्रिम जमा (एडवांस) के रूप में कुल कितनी धनराशि जमा है ?

उद्योग और कम्पनी कार्य मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री आरिफ मोहम्मद खान) (क) विभिन्न कारों के कारखानों से निकलते समय के मूल्य उत्पादन शुल्क को छोड़कर नीचे दिए गए हैं :—

(हजार रुपये में)

(अम्बेसेडर (पेट्रोल)	55
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मूल्य पर कानूनी नियंत्रण न होने से अपने उत्पादों के मूल्य निर्धारित करना निर्माताओं का काम है ।

(ख) कम्पनी ने बताया है कि वह जमा राशि पर 7 % वार्षिक चक्रवृद्धि ब्याज देगी ।

(ग) कम्पनी को बुकिंग पर 118 करोड़ रुपये अग्रिम राशि के रूप में मिले हैं ।

Non-filing of returns 1ay Samachar Bharathi

2289. SHRI GHULAM RASOOL MATTO: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Samachar Bharathi a language news

agency which is registered under the company law has not filed the returns as required by Uie law;

(b)(if so, since when they are not being filed; and

(c) what action the Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) to (c) The company has not filed its Balance sheet as at 81-12-1984 along with the related Profit & Loss account, which were due to be filed by it with the Registrar of Companies on or before 24th June, 1985 for which default notices under section 220 of the Companies Act, 1956, are being issued by the Registrar of Companies to the Company and its Directors.

Re-opening of Stretch Fibre Private Limited

2290. SHRI GHULAM RASOOL MATTO: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM be pleased to state:

Ca) what further steps Government have taken for re-opening of Stretch Fibre Private India Limited an industrial unit in Nagpur City, Maharashtra State which has been lying closed for the last 2J years;

(b), whether the Maharashtra Government has sent any report in this regard about the taking over of the industry under the Industrial Development Regulation Act, 1951; and

(c) what are the rtasons for closure of this unit even though it manufactures the popular nylon yarn?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA): (a) Government of Maharashtra, after discussion with /mancial institutions advised the company to make alternative arrangements such as leasing of the company to **any** other good company or *even* merger of the company with other healthy unit.

(b) No Sir.

(c) It is reported that the closure is mainly due to management and financial problems?

Change over for Electro-Mechanical to Electronic Tele-Communication

2291. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Electro-Mechanical to Electronic-Tepiecommunication change over of the first phase programmes of his Ministry has already been launched in some parts of the country;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard and the outcome thereof;

(c), how many places of Gujarat have been covered under the above programmes and will be covered in near future under the 2nd and 3rd such programmes;

(d) how many urban areas, smaller cities and larger towns of Gujarat both digital an^ analogue, electronic exchanges are being set up re-placing the cross bar and stronger systems; and containerised electronic ex-changes are replacing the older systems; and

(e) what are the plans, projects and estimates for the above in Gujarat during 1985-86, 1986-87 for switching over the same?

THE MINISTER OF SI'ATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) and (b) There is no programme to change over from electro-mechanical to electronic equipments unless the electro-mechanical equipments have served their useful life.